## OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

FROM: BOYD

**SUBJECT:** POLICY IN THE NEWS

**DATE:** 6/6/2000 **CC:** MADER

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## ON THE ECONOMY

• In an interview with Reuters (6/6/00), the Federal Reserve Governor Edward Kelly said last month's rise in unemployment to 4.1 percent from a 30-year low of 3.9 percent might well be a watershed for the U.S. economy -- as long as it was confirmed by other data that also hint at a much-needed slowing in the pace of red-hot economic growth.

## ON TEACHER PAY

• "I feel like we'll try to prioritize the teacher pay even if we don't meet the projections," said Senate President Pro Tem Travis Little, D-Corinth. "Just because the 5 percent (trigger) is in there doesn't mean we won't fund it if we don't get the 5 percent." (Clarion Ledger, 6/7/00)